

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A L-shaped frame member for a wheelchair, said frame member comprising:

- a first arm formed as a single unit with a first cross section,

- a second arm formed as a single unit with a second cross section having a different shape than that of the first cross section, and [[a]]

- a knee-shaped-composite element which is solid therethrough and formed as a single unit made from a composite material, wherein

- said first arm is connected to said second arm via the knee-shaped-composite element, a solid connection between the first arm and the knee-shaped-composite element and a solid connection between the second arm and the knee-composite element being formed by mounting glue, and wherein

the knee-shaped-composite element provides ~~for a change in cross section~~ at each end thereof a cross section corresponding in shape respectively to that of the first cross section and the second cross section.

2. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 1, wherein the first arm [[and/or]] and the second arm ~~is a tube~~ are tubes or [[has a]] have hollow end ~~area~~ areas, ~~preferably in form of a tube~~, wherein [[the]] said tubes ~~preferably~~ are thin-walled tubes.

3. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 1, wherein the first cross section is chosen to allow ~~one or more~~ at least one of the following units to be attached to or to be connected with the first tube:

- a wheelchair seat element;
- a wheelchair backrest;
- a wheelchair braking arrangement.

4. (Currently Amended) The frame member ~~of one of~~ claim 1, wherein the second cross section is chosen to allow ~~one or more~~ at least one of the following units to be attached to or to be connected with the second tube:

- a suspension element with front wheel;
- a foot rest, lever, or bar;

5. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 1, wherein the first arm [[and/or]] and the second arm comprise aluminum, titanium, or magnesium.

6. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 1, wherein the first arm ~~[[and/or]]~~ and the second arm are deep-drawn, or extruded tubes.

7. (Original) The frame member of claim 1, wherein the knee-shaped composite element is at one end partially situated inside the first arm and at the other end partially situated inside the second arm, providing for an overlap between the respective arm and end areas of the knee-shaped composite element.

8. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 7, wherein the mounting glue is situated in an area between the end portions of the knee-shaped ~~composite~~ element and of the first and second arm, respectively.

9. The frame member of claim 7, wherein the end portions of the knee-shaped ~~composite~~ element comprise a recess or a cavity in which the mounting glue is mainly situated.

10. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 8, ~~wherein the end portions of the knee-shaped composite element~~ comprise comprises a recess or a cavity spaced apart from each of the ends of the knee-shaped composite element in which the mounting glue is mainly situated.

11. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 1, wherein the knee-shaped ~~composite~~ element comprises reinforcing fibers like carbon fibers ~~and/or Kevlar~~ or aramid fibers.

12. (Currently Amended) Frame of a wheelchair comprising a frame member of claim 1, wherein ~~preferably~~ one of the arms is ~~essentially~~ substantially upright and the other of the arms is essentially horizontal.

13. (New) The frame member of claim 1, wherein the cross-section of either the first arm or the second arm is non-circular, or

wherein the cross-section of both the first arm and the second arm are non-circular.